

# SilverSneakers Yoga Master Class Choreography

Introductions and greetings

Pre class instruction:

- “Listen to your body”
- “Follow all physician’s directives”
- “Let go of judgment and competition”

## **Breathing Exercises:**

*(Seated)*

1. Acknowledgement of the breath
2. Abdominal Breathing
3. Equalizing Breath

## **Warm-Up:**

*(Seated)*

1. Shoulder Vinyasa:
  - a. Shoulder shrugs
  - b. Shoulder rolls
2. Upper Body Vinyasa:
  - a. Chest expansion: Hands at Heart Center. Inhale, open arms wide, exhale hands to Heart Center.
  - b. Arm circles: Hands at Heart Center. Inhale, sweeping arms forward and up. Exhale, circle arms wide, bringing hands to Heart Center.
  - c. Wrist circles: Hands to Heart Center. Inhale, rolling index fingers together, reaching fingers away from the body. Exhale, rolling pinky fingers together, reaching fingers toward the body.
3. Lower Body Vinyasa:
  - a. Knee to chest: Inhale, reach arms forward and up, exhale with “cat” back and knee to chest.
  - b. Hip ab/adduction: Inhale and step wide (“get out of your car”), exhale and step center.
  - c. Active Airplane pose: Inhale, heart forward, palms face the floor, reach arms back. Exhale, seated Mountain Pose.
4. Active Twist: Inhale, lengthen spine in Mountain Pose, exhale, rotate right. Inhale and lengthen spine in Mountain Pose. Exhale and rotate left.
5. Seated Cat/Cow: Inhale, lengthen spine, draw elbows back and lift the chest. Exhale, round the spine pulling abdominals in and tucking the chin to the chest.

## **Get water – PE Check**

## **Muscular Endurance and Balance Segment:**

1. Ankle rotations: Trace the outside of the right foot on the floor. Repeat left

*(Transition to standing. Step to side of chair)*

2. Mountain Pose
3. Sagittal balance with Chair Pose Vinyasa:
  - a. Inhale, step forward on the right foot, sweeping arms forward into sagittal balance. Exhale and step back to Mountain Pose
  - b. Inhale and step right foot wide. Keeping chest lifted, sit back into Chair Pose. Exhale and step center to Mountain Pose.
4. Chair Pose: Option - Balancing Chair
5. Lateral Bending: Inhale and reach right arm up/left arm down. Exhale hands to Heart Center. Repeat.

6. Horse Pose/Sun God: Step wide with toes turned out. Inhale and lift arms at sides. Exhale and bend knees. Inhale and straighten legs. Exhale and “heel-toe” walk the feet to Mountain Pose. Option Sun God with elbow flexion/extension.
7. Airplane Pose with Chest Expansion Yinyasa: inhale and step wide. Exhale to Airplane Pose. Inhale to Mountain. Exhale to Chest Expansion. Inhale and draw knee to chest to balance. Exhale to Mountain Pose.

*(Standing behind chair)*

8. Wide legged forward fold
9. Warrior 2: Inhale and straighten front leg. Exhale and bend front knee. Hold for 3 breaths.
10. Triangle: Hold for 3 breaths.
11. Tree pose: Hold for 3-5 breaths. Repeat poses 8 through 10 on opposite side.
12. Downward Facing Dog

### **Get water – PE Check**

### **Deeper Stretching**

*(Seated)*

1. Mountain Pose
2. Seated Lunge: Hold 3-5 breaths.
3. Chair Twist: Hold 3-5 breaths.
4. Pyramid: Hold 3-5 breaths.
5. Shin/Heel stretch: From Pyramid, point toes to floor, stretching shin. “Scrape the bottom of the shoe,” bringing heel slightly under chair.
6. Pigeon Pose: (“Tie your shoe.”) Hold 3-5 breaths.
7. Eagle pose: Hold 3-5 breaths.
8. Chest Expansion: Hands to back of chair. Bring heart slightly forward, drawing shoulders down. Repeat poses 1 through 8, switching sides.
9. Ankle rotation/dorsiflexion/plantar flexion: Outline the edge of your shoes. Lift toes. Lift Heels.
10. Wrist circles: Make soft fists and circle wrists. Reverse directions.
11. Hand stretches: Inhale and spread fingers wide. Exhale and draw fingers toward wrist.
12. Face stretches: Open mouth and say “Ahh.” Tighten lips and “eat something sour.”

### **Final Relaxation**

1. Breathing
  - a. Lengthened exhalation
2. Mindfulness practice: “Let thoughts pass through the mind like clouds in the sky.”
3. Set an intention. Namaste.

### **Get Water – Final PE Check**